

# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **January 26, 2016**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert present.

County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Agenda:** Moved Helgoth, second Weller to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 minutes with the correction of Helgoth made the motion to nominate Graves for Vice Chairman. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4H Proclamation:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum have the Chairman sign the 4H Proclamation declaring February, 2016 as 4H month. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Carlson and Wiegert attended the 4H Building meeting; Kucera, Carlson, and Wiegert met to work on the handbook; Graves attended a hospital meeting; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting; Kucera attended the Mid Nebraska Individual Services meeting and the Region III meeting.

**Official's reports:** Veteran Service Officer Berry gave an update on his office and Extension Educator Stuhr gave an update on her office.

**Hospital:** Julie Murray gave the Board a brief update.

**Weed Superintendent:** Kevin Koziol, Weed Superintendent gave the Board his year-end reports and gave a brief update.

Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to have the Chairman sign the 6 year end reports with the correction of the Board members. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4H Building Change Order:** Change order was not ready and Stuhr asked to have this put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Kreachbaum absent at 9:40 a.m.

**Sheriff's report:** Sheriff Campbell read a letter of resignation to the Board and handed in his badge. Moved Graves, second Carlson to amend the agenda by adding accepting the resignation of Kevin Campbell as Merrick County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Carlson to accept the resignation of Kevin Campbell as Merrick County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. The Board felt it would be a waste of the taxpayer's money to advertise the sheriff position in the Grand Island Independent. Moved Kucera, second Weller to advertise for the sheriff position on the law enforcement training center and NCJIS websites with a cutoff date of Tuesday, February 16, 2016 with applications due at 9:00 a.m. at the County Clerk's Office. The personnel committee will meet on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 to review the applications and the interviews will begin on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. and candidates will be presented to the County Board on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Lawn application bids:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to get more bids for lawn service for the courthouse lawn. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Pest Control bid:** Moved Kucera, second Carlson to get more bids for pest control. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Bridge projects:** Moved Moved Graves, second Helgoth to have the Board write a letter to the State asking them to do the responsible charge for the Palmer Northwest C61-214 bridge project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Westlaw contract:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the Westlaw contract for attorney research. Roll Call: All Ayes.

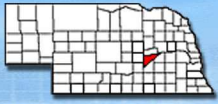
Board took a five minute break at 10:35 a.m.

**County burial:** Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve the partial payment of \$857.06 for a county burial to Solt Funeral Home. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**County burial:** Moved Graves, second Helgoth to deny the application for a county burial because it did not meet the time frame allowed in the County's General Assistance guidelines. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Payroll:** County Attorney Homolka addressed the questions that asked at the last Board meeting concerning the sheriff's payroll.

**Executive Session:** Moved Kucera, second Carlson to go into executive session at 10:57 a.m. to discuss strategy with respect to threatened and/or pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to go out of executive session at 11:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. The only thing discussed was threatened and/or pending litigation



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**Building and Grounds:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to give the Building and Grounds person a raise to take effect on December 16, 2015 of 2.5%. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Comp time and holiday pay:** Moved Kucera, second Carlson to amend the County Handbook with new verbiage for holiday pay. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Trac phone:** Moved Helgoth, second Carlson to approve the County Clerk getting a trac phone and have the road graders call that phone to clock in and out for time clock purposes. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Quarterly jail visit:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to do the quarterly jail visit at the next board meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**January 2016 payroll:** January 2016 payroll: General: Gross: \$124,880.17 Net: \$85,353.51 Roads: Gross: \$52,190.07 Net: \$36,775.41 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: 3,545.88 Net: \$2,551.12. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the January 2016 payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Carlson, Helgoth, Kucera, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Weller said Aye to the ones he signed.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Carlson to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk